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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: RM-8658

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Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of HEAR-IT NOW, we submit the enclosed original and four copies of comments in response to the Commission's Public Notice of June 15, 1995, regarding RM-8658. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,



Frederick H. Graefe

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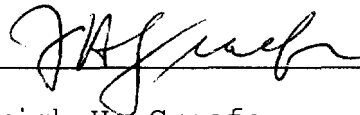
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Helping Equalize Access Rights in Telecommunications Now, or HEAR-IT NOW,¹ through counsel, files these comments in support of its Petition for Rule Making filed on June 5, 1995. HEAR-IT NOW again requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to amend Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 68.4(a), to specify that broadband PCS devices capable of voice transmission or reception must be hearing aid-compatible. Expeditious action on HEAR-IT NOW's request will ensure universal access to advanced communications for all, including the nation's four million hard of hearing individuals who rely on hearing aids. Failure to act, however, could condemn these individuals to severe

¹ HEAR-IT NOW is a coalition of groups formed to promote equal access by the Nation's four million hearing aid wearers to advanced communications services. Members of HEAR-IT NOW include Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc., the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and the Wireless Communications Council.

interference from incompatible devices that would exclude their full participation in the next phase of the telecommunications revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Graefe', is written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tiffany D. Scott, a secretary at Baker & Hostetler,
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foregoing Comments in Support of Petition for Rule Making was
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